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Docket No.: 55190-012

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of : **RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**  
Josee HAMEL, et al. : **EXPEDITED PROCEDURE**  
Serial No.: 09/471,255 : Customer Number: 20277  
Filed: December 23, 1999 : Confirmation Number: 7195  
: Group Art Unit: 1645  
: Examiner: V. Portner  
For: NOVEL STREPTOCOCCUS ANTIGENS

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated February 20, 2004. Accordingly, this response is due, together with the fee for one month extension of time, on or before June 20, 2004.

Please amend the subject application as follows.